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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:


I am writing you to suggest that a just outcome for the Microsoft anti-trust case and the surrounding controversy would be the prompt acceptance by the federal government of the proposed settlement plan. This plan is the product of four years of negotiation, mediation and litigation. The parties have accepted it. The court has indorsed it. It's time for all to get out of court and back to work.

The plan directs Microsoft to grant other computer makers rights to configure Windows to promote their and others' software. It constrains Microsoft from non-completive practices in licensing and other areas. It prohibits any kind of future retaliatory market practices. It puts the company under the eye of a new government review committee. It opens up the company to more competition.

What more does the government want? We need Microsoft back on top of its form. The settlement should be accepted now.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,


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